

From: Cominch  
To: Chief of Staff, U.S.Army  
Chief, O.S.S.

Subject: Preparation of Urgent Strategic Studies.

References: (a) ComAmphFor File FE 25/A8-1, Serial 0037, SECRET.  
(b) ComAmphFor File FE 25/A8, Serial 0034, SECRET, of 19 Jan. 1943.  
(c) Cominch First Endorsement(SECRET) of 21 Jan. 1943.

Enclosures: (A) Recommended Material for Strategic Studies  
(B) Research & Organizational (List of Monographs)  
(C) Recommended Form for Strategic Studies  
(D) Copy of Reference (a).  
(E) Copy of Reference (b).  
(F) Copy of Reference (c).

1. In Ref. (a) and (b), - Encl.(D) and (E), - ComAmphFor has requested certain strategic studies. It has been found physically impossible for these to all be prepared by DNI in time for putative possible needed use. DNI has prepared studies on following:

SICILY; SARDINIA; CORSICA; CRETE.

DNI is now preparing studies on following:

LESSER ITALIAN MEDITERRANEAN Islands; ITALY; BALEARICS; SPANISH MOROCCO.

2. It is requested that if feasible, M.I.S. and O.S.S. undertake (prepare, edit, publish, and complete and supply to the Navy, 300 completed copies of each) strategic studies as follows:

M.I.S., on Southern and Western France;  
SPAIN and PORTUGAL; NORWAY.

O.S.S., on GREEK AEGEAN Islands; GREECE;  
ALBANIA; YUGOSLAVIA.

The form of these requested strategic studies is not essential; but it is essential, - for them to serve their purpose, - that they contain so far as possible, the information called for in the References(Encl.(D) and (E)).

Earliest possible completion and availability, - with so much as practicable of the information called for in References, is considered the pertinent essential. However, Encls.(A) and (C) herewith, are based on experience within DNI.

3. It is suggested that the work on these studies, if undertaken, in view of urgency for time, should have priority over the amalgamation steps (but the latter to be continued in an exploratory and preparatory status).

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